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### **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over**

The Beaverton Police Department will be participating in a national high visibility event (HVE) traffic safety campaign, with a focus on impaired drivers starting December 11, 2015 and running through January 1, 2016. In November Beaverton Police Officers arrested 44 individuals for DUII. This brings the total DUII arrests to 393 for 2015. These are at least 393 possible lives that were saved, 393 possible crashes prevented and more than 393 families saved the grief that driving impaired can cause.

During this time the Beaverton Police Department will have additional officers on focused patrols looking for impaired drivers. The goal of this campaign is to save lives and to educate the motoring public. These focused patrols are supported in part by a DUII overtime enforcement grant.

December holds the possibility for amazing memories with Christmas and New Year's. The Beaverton Police Department wants 2015 to end with wonderful memories and not the devastating memories that driving impaired can cause.

Please remember to designate a sober driver when attending holiday celebrations. Call a cab or a friend before you get behind the wheel impaired.

If you are hosting a party, make sure that your guests know they can stay if they have had too much to drink or get them a cab.

Do not get into a vehicle with someone who is impaired. Often the passengers of an impaired driver are the ones who die in the crash.

Impaired driving is not an accident; it is an intentional and willing act that you have control over. Please don't drink and drive.

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